

Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - February 2019



Greetings!

I am happy to report the City has job opportunities for those interested in employment with the Altoona Police Department. The City is also hiring in the following departments: Code Enforcement, Public Works/Laborer, Public Works/Seasonal, Police/School Crossing Guards.

For the first time in several years, the City is **not** requiring that applicants for employment with the Altoona Police Department to be Act 120 certified.

Click the button below for more information on available positions and to obtain an application, or contact the Human Resources Department at 814-949-2418, Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

The City of Altoona is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

[City of Altoona Employment Opportunities](#)



Donate to the APD Polar Plunge Team



On Saturday, February 2nd at 12:00 PM at Canoe Creek State Park, over 20 APD officers will be jumping into the frigid waters of Canoe Creek to raise money for the PA Special Olympics.

Please help out Team APD in their final push to raise money for this incredible cause by clicking the link below and donating.

[APD Polar Plunge Donation Page](#)

Backpacks for the Homeless



A generous donation of backpacks containing essential items for the homeless in the Altoona area was recently made to help those in need. If you know of a homeless person who may benefit, please have them go to the Altoona Food Bank, which is located at 2100 6th Avenue, to get a backpack. The Altoona Food Bank is open from 9am - 12pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

If you know of someone who is homeless, but you are not comfortable approaching them, you may contact the Altoona Food Bank at 814-942-8415, or contact the Altoona Police Department at 814-949-2489, for assistance with the individual in need.

There are also homeless care packages at the Altoona Police Station which is located at 1106 16th Street. The care packages contain blankets and other items for the winter season.

City Council Meeting - February

Altoona City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 P.M. at the City of Altoona Training Facility & Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

Support Central Blair Recreation & Parks Commission

10th Annual Community Classic Dinner and Auction

**Saturday, February 23, 2019
The Bavarian Hall 5:30 P.M.**

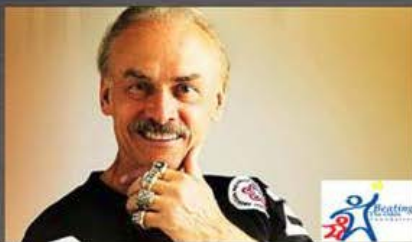
Doors will open at 4:30

Presenting the 2019 Respected Citizen Award to:

Steve Sauers



Featuring:



Steelers Rocky Bleier

Tickets can be purchased at the Central Blair Recreation
and Park Commission Office
2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 and
Grandview Meats, 1544 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602
For info call: (814) 949-2231 or visit www.cbreparks.org



**Tickets
\$40.00**



Event Sponsor:



Earned Income Tax Credit

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a credit provided by the federal government to individuals who are in the low to moderate income tax brackets. In order to qualify, you must meet certain requirements and file a

tax return, even if you do not owe any tax or are not required to file. The EITC reduces the amount of tax that you owe and may provide a refund.

During EITC Awareness Day in January Mayor Pacifico offered the following information to National League of Cities author, Patrick Hain:

“We have to make sure every Altoona resident has the tools needed to move out of poverty and increase financial stability,” Mayor Pacifico said. “The EITC is a proven way to get money into the pockets of families. I am proud to help our residents learn about the EITC and connect them with VITA partners who will help them claim the tax credits.”

If you qualify and claim the credit, it could be as much as \$6,431 from the IRS for some workers.

Use the [EITC Assistant](#) to find out if you do qualify for EITC, and, see what other [tax credits](#) are available.

It's easy to find free tax help to prepare and file your taxes. Use the VITA locator tool on [IRS.GOV](#) to find a volunteer site near you. Or, you can prepare and e-file your own taxes with brand-name software using IRS's [Free File](#).

For more information on the EITC, please click here:

Earned Income Tax Credit

Flooding & You: Learn How to Keep You & Your Property Safe

FLOOD INSURANCE FACT #5

Flood insurance is offered through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as well as private carriers. A broker can determine what carrier you would be eligible for. Contrary to belief, it is affordable – most policies cost as little as \$200 depending on your circumstances.

If you live in a floodplain and have a mortgage through a lender, you would be required to buy flood insurance. Even if you don't have a mortgage and live in a high risk area, having flood insurance can mean the difference between having the funds to rebuild or being financially devastated.

Did you know? There is a 30 day waiting period following the purchase of flood insurance.

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